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Re Contact lens' & new  
PI viewing equipment:

- How does this course of  
action sound to you? --

- We select a few (several)  
PI's who wear eyeglasses,  
equip them with contacts  
at NPIC expense, and ask  
them to participate in a  
investigating the differences.

- Some controls would

have to be introduced to ensure that we obtain useful results.

~~The results~~

- I should want some <sup>of the</sup> results from comparative use in real, "operational" PI work.

- The results would tell us what we should then do -- go for financing contacts, no go, or some other route.

- If this approach sounds reasonable, TSG should manage it in collab. with IEG.



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FROM		NPIC/PPBS		DATE 14-10-70
TO	INITIALS	DATE	REMARKS	
DIRECTOR			<p>1. Without knowing the full background, I might make one or two comments on the attached:</p> <p>a. The DCI (or the DD/S on his behalf) can make a decision on these expenditures without going to the Comptroller General when the subject involves our unique functions. In this case, however, since the then DD/S elected to go the Comptroller General in 1960, we would be more or less forced to go the same route now and ask for a reversal of the 1960 decision.</p> <p>b. In 1960 we had what amounted to a monopoly on the PI trade, so that a decision would affect only CIA. Now there are many agencies with similar operations, so that the Comptroller General would have to make a determination on the basis of the government as a whole. This always makes it more difficult to get an enabling decision.</p> <p>c. Contact lenses are now worn by large numbers of people in the course of normal living. They are no longer unusual or used by so few people that they could be regarded as an item which an individual could not be expected to purchase for himself.</p> <p>2. The above would make it very difficult for us to obtain a reversal of the 1960 decision.</p>	
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